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SUBJ B.C. PREMIER BARRETT'S INFLUENCE ON ONTARIO ELECTIONS

1. NATIONAL NDP LEADER ED BROADBENT SPOKE SEPTEMBER 27 AT DINNER HONORING B.C. PREMIER DAVE BARRETT IN BARRETT'S OWN COQUITLAM RIDING JUST EAST OF VANCOUVER. PERHAPS AFFECTED BY OCCASION, HE ANNOUNCED "THE REASON WE DID SO WELL IN ONTARIO IS THAT STEPHEN LEWIS AND OUR CANDIDATES LOOKED VERY CLOSELY AT THE POLICIES OF THE NDP GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA." SPECIFICALLY HE STATED THAT THE AGRICULTURAL LAND POLICY INITIATED BY NDP GOVERNMENT OF B.C. "WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ELECTING THREE NDP MLA'S IN ONTARIO." B.C. AGRICULTURE MINISTER DAVE STUPICH WAS IN ONTARIO FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 18 ELECTION THERE TO HELP, ACCORDING TO BROADBENT, TO WORK OUT NDP POLICIES ON LAND SIMILAR TO B.C. LAND COMMISSION ACT AND FARM INCOME ASSURANCE ACT.

2. BROADBENT ALSO SAID THAT NDP GARNERED VOTES IN ONTARIO ON BASIS EXAMPLE B.C. RENT CONTROLS, POINTING OUT THAT HOUSING STARTS HAD DECREASED 19 PERCENT IN ONTARIO WITHOUT RENT CONTROL WHILE IN B.C., UNDER RENT CONTROLS, THE DROP WAS ONLY 12 PERCENT. HE NOTED THAT IN TORONTO AVERAGE RENT INCREASE WAS 25 PERCENT WHILE IN B.C., BECAUSE OF NDP LEGISLATION, RENT HIKE WERE LIMITED TO 10.6 PERCENT.

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